(d) if so, the response received from each of the countries in this regard; and

(e) Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. Some countries like the USA, the UK, Denmark, Germany, Japan, Australia, New Zealand had advised their citizens to leave India citing the build-up of tension in the region.

(b) The exact number of foreigners who actually left India as a result of these advisories is not known.

(c) to (e) Our perception on the issue was conveyed to the foreign governments concerned, *inter alia*, through our Missions which had regular interaction with them and briefed them fully about the situation with a view to remove their misgivings. Most countries have diluted or withdrawn their advisories as a result of these efforts.

Bilateral agreements signed with Kazakhstan during Almaty Summit

223. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the areas of interest shown by in India Kazakhstan during the visit of our Prime Minister to attend the CICA conference at Almaty as reported in the Times of India dated 4th June, 2002;

(b) the details of the bilateral agreements signed with Kazakhstan;

(c) the areas where India would make major investment;

(d) the mutual understanding for economic cooperation in IT and pharma and whether a Technology Park has been developed in Kazakhstan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) Sir, Hon'ble Prime Minister accompanied by a high level delegation which included MOS(EA) and National visited Kazakhstan from 2—5 June, 2002 at the invitation of Kazakhstan.

India and Kazakhstan identified for cooperation the fields of Information Technology, Energy, Pharmaceuticals & Defence;

(b) The following bilateral agreements were signed during the visit :

1. Agreement on setting up of a Joint Working Group for combating International Terrorism and other types of crimes.

2. Memorandum on Military-Technical Cooperation.

3. Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Tourism.

(c) Hydrocarbons could be an area of interest.

(d) and (e) IT and Pharmaceuticals have been identified as special areas for economic cooperation. The proposal to develop a Technology Park is an issue of interest in Kazakhstan.

Report card on assurances and promises made by Musharraf

224. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have prepared a report card on the various assurances and promises made by President Parvez Musharraf from time to time to reduce cross-border terrorism for the last one year together with follow-up steps taken by him to implement those assurances;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the trend of the positive action taken by him to contain terrorists activities and whether the record, so far, reflects his sincerity of purpose in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) and (b) On 12th January, 2001, in an address to the Pakistan nation, the President of Pakistan announced that his Government would take steps to crackdown on terrorist groups and that :

- Pakistan would no longer allow its territory to be used for any terrorist activity anywhere in the world.